Docket No.: 57454-322

## **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

Hideto HIDAKA

Serial No.: 10/050,810 : Group Art Unit: 2818

Filed: January 18, 2002 : Examiner: L.D. Pham

For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING STABLE

DATA READ AND WRITE OPERATIONS

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of July 9, 2003 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group I (claims 7-12 and 15-18) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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